

# **Suffield FFA Alumni Meeting Minutes**

## **October 21, 2019**

### **I. Call to order**

Vanise called meeting to order at 6:32.

**II. Attendance-** Val Galinski, Vanise Shea, Sarah Oliver, Laura LaFlamme, John Tillotson, Laura Audet, Liz LaPalme, Kim Yoder, Ken Manzer, Lauren Kaplan, JoAnn Mascena, Anthony Mascena, Tom Audet.

**III. Student Officer Report- Officers – Vice President JoAnna Beaudry and Secretary Alexis Ceppa presented-** some past events Four O'clock seeds, Big E, Suffield on the Green. Upcoming events are CDE practice and cram night, poultry team and 20 delegates to Nationals, First look- Ag open house. Paul Fabrizio picking up pizzas for cram night.

### **IV. Approval of minutes from last meeting**

Laura motioned to accept the minutes as Amended, Liz seconded, motion passed.

### **V. Laura's Report**

- Tailgate Nov 8<sup>th</sup> at Homecoming- Combo event of flag football and fundraiser for student going to Costa Rica. Students asked to have alumni support by giving pizza and beverages for the tailgating event for students. 4 or 5 pizzas – Laura will give a better student count nearer to the event. Vanise asked if they would also like water, Laura said yes that would be good. Will discuss again in new business.
- Scanners- teachers have personal scanners for bar codes- for AET events and helps with attendance, chapter meetings kept organized through this.
- Bus has arrived, is handicap accessible, is not fully registered until tomorrow. Sarah Oliver put an event on Facebook she would like us to share. She would like people here to help on November 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 to answer questions. Application process on the new website with an application.
- Laura would like a summary of what Alumni does and our pictures of the officers. Mr. Manzer offered to do the mission statement.

- VI. Treasurers Report** -was presented
- VII. Fundraising Report-** 1800.00 from Yankee Candle. Laura LaFlamme and Liz will decide how to distribute Yankee Candle orders.
- VIII. Membership-** Tom explained 13 new annual memberships.
- IX. Reporter-** Val asked if she could have students write up a little about themselves if they want to be highlighted for their SAE project, something that went on at CDE practice, or if they want to tell about their favorite part of Ag, with the name of their town and project for AG. Laura said yes and that she will fill out a google form or spreadsheet. Ask Rebecca Ferguson about the Ag advocacy for an[ow Ag yearbook.
- X. Old Business:** Orders for adding baseball caps or t-shirts and t-shirts for volunteers in alumni. Ken wanted to get prepaid t-shirts for Suffield on the green? Loop it into the sweatshirt order in July. Discussion about hats and t-shirts Vanise suggested to call Bouley's. Discussion about selling them at Farmers market. Vanise wants to keep cost down, quantity of approximately 50 of each item to sell as a fundraiser. Ken Manzer will look into it.

New Business- CDE cram night- Paul is picking that up. Beanie babies are needed- cost under \$1.00. Volunteers needed for Ag open house. Laura took names of people on the panel. Vanise closed [suffieldffafamily@att.net](mailto:suffieldffafamily@att.net) started an account [suffieldffaalumni@gmail.com](mailto:suffieldffaalumni@gmail.com) Tailgating party for homecoming- 5 party pizzas and families can come to the game November 8<sup>th</sup>. Laura moved to order 5 party pizzas and 3 cases of small waters Liz 2nded three cheese and two pepperoni. Val will pick them up. Vanise will pick up the water.

Laura wants Alumni help on March 2, 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday, Tuesday 5 year Agriculture Science Technology Education (ASTE) review. Laura will explain it next meeting.

John said to start thinking about 513 c filing by December and needing to spend some of the money Alumni has. Replacement for Spring fundraiser? Staff or student funding requests. Some ideas are- Kids talked about a guest speaker- sponsors for the yearbook

## **XI. Adjournment**

Vanise adjourned the meeting 8:11 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie Galinski